

KEEP A KEEN FIGHTING EDGE

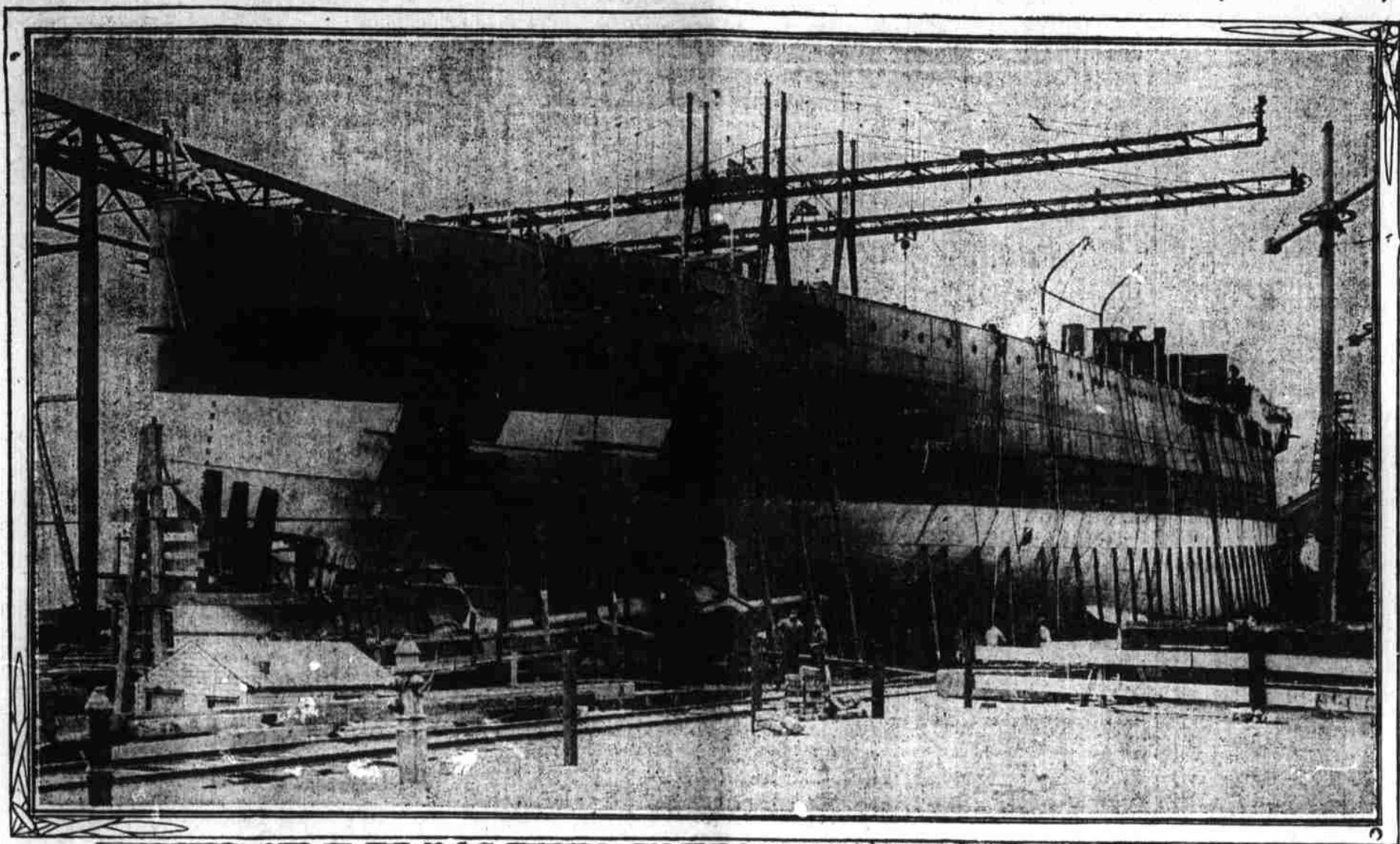
On Subject, "The World Movement" the Ex-President Hands Out Some Advice to Our Modern Civilization.

PERCEIVES SOME DANGER OF A MAMMOTH SMASH

Everything is geared so high now that something dreadful may happen, but he still hopes for the best.

Berlin, May 12.—Theodore Roosevelt, former president of the United States, delivered his lecture today on "The World Movement" at the University of Berlin...

U.S.S. Florida Ready to Take the Waves; Starboard View from Aft.



NEW MONSTER IN THE OCEAN

The Florida, Biggest of American Dreadnaughts, Glides Down the Ways Lightly as a Lifeboat.

HER CHRISTENING PARTY UNUSUALLY SUCCESSFUL

The Most Successful Launching Ever Held in Brooklyn Yard—The Vessel is Now About 60 per Cent. Completed.

New York, May 12.—Flying the white starboard emblem of the United States navy at her stern, the stars and stripes at her stern and a string of 25 gay signal pennants along the 520 feet of her deck line, the battleship Florida, the biggest of American "Dreadnaughts," was successfully launched at the Brooklyn navy yard today...

HE DATED IT UP, WICKERSHAM SAYS

Admits Summary of Glavis Charges He Made Was Prepared After Date Which It Bore.

Washington, May 12.—Attorney General Wickersham has admitted that his summary of the Glavis charges prepared for the president, on which the latter was supposed to have based his letter exonerating Secretary Ballinger and dismissing Glavis, was prepared after the date which it bore.

DRIVEN OUT, HE SAYS, BY GROCERS' COMBINE

Charges of Short Weight, the Existence of a "Ring," Made by Witness, an Ex-Grocer.

Washington, May 12.—Short weight in packages of fruit, control by wholesale grocers' associations over ordinary dealers and manufacturers and the existence of a "ring" backing wholesalers organizations are some of the things alleged before the house committee today by Hinton G. Clabaugh of Birmingham, Ala.

A SENSATION CREATED IN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Resolution Calls Upon Church to Divorce Itself from Graded System of Lessons.

Baltimore, May 12.—A sensation was created at the Southern Baptist annual convention today by a resolution calling upon the Baptist church in the south to divorce itself from the graded system of Sunday school lessons, promulgated by the Interdenominational Sunday School Association of the World two years ago.

MORE LAY REPRESENTATION IS FAVORED BY COMMITTEE

Concurrence Reported in Memorial Asking for a Lay Member from Each Charge—Report Goes to Calendar—Passages at Arms Over Sunday School Matters.

Consideration of the report of the Sunday school committee, which was begun yesterday, was again taken up at today's session of the General conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and occupied most of the morning session. The crowd in the Auditorium this morning was greater than at any business session before, showing that numbers of ministers and others interested in church work are coming into the city daily.

During the consideration of the report of the Sunday school committee there were several passages at arms, as the board of education, led by Dr. J. D. Hammond and Dr. R. G. Waterhouse, objected to the attempts of the Sunday school committee to eliminate the board of education from its share of ten per cent. of the funds derived from Children's day collections.

A memorial regarding the administration of the Lord's supper once every three months instead of once a month met with non-concurrence in the committee on revisions. An effort was made to substitute the words "Church of God" instead of "Holy Catholic Church" in the creed met with an unfavorable report from the same committee and it is said the conference will sustain this. By resigning vote it adopted the report of the committee on temperance, endorsing the Miller-Curtis bill pending in congress, prohibiting shipments of liquor into prohibition territory.

The eighth day's session of the general conference was opened with devotional exercises led by John R. Pepper, a lay delegate of Memphis. The song, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" was sung. The Scripture reading was from Lamentations. This was followed by prayer. The other song was, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The reading of the minutes was taken up and the minutes were approved.

Bishop Wilson took the chair and presided at today's session. To Annotate Discipline. A favorable report was made upon the memorial from the Baltimore conference, asking that a special committee of three be appointed to annotate the Discipline before another volume is published.

ing for some basis of union of the young people's work of the Epworth league, Woman's Foreign Mission society and Home Mission society. The committee on fraternal correspondence asked that Friday at 11 a. m. be set as the time for hearing the fraternal representative of the Japan Methodist church. Another report made today, just after the call for reports was completed, the time for receiving the fraternal greeting of the delegate of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church. The committee also set Friday, May 20, at 8 p. m., as the time for receiving the fraternal address of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Colored Delegate's Address. Rev. G. C. Clement, D. D., the fraternal delegate of the African Methodist Episcopal church was introduced and read his address. He congratulated the church upon its mission work and the success that had met its efforts. He congratulated the church upon its attitude toward his race. In tracing the history of the A. M. E. church, he said it was organized in New York city in 1795, with three preachers, but owing to the few negroes in the north and east its growth was slow until 1864. The church now has 35 annual conferences, with 2500 traveling preachers and over 500,000 members, with 225,000 Sunday school scholars.

Livingstone college, at Salisbury, in charge of the church, has about 300 students and property valued at \$250,000, with many other smaller colleges, having a sum total of 1500 students. He stated the church was carrying on missionary work in Africa, made possible by funds raised by the churches and missionary societies.

If there had been no negro Methodist church, it is safe to say there would have been no negro bishops, educators and religious leaders," he said. He declared the way to reach the negro children is through negro preaching and teachers. He objected to the theory that money should be given only to those schools which were more prosperous.

The real improvement in the negro race can come only after christianization, he declared. The negro of the sunny southland is best fitted for the work of evangelization of Africa. The redemption of Africa at the hands of the negro race of America, he declared, is the tribute which he believed Christ would require. He declared that his church stood for the union of all the negro Methodist churches.

GUT OFF BY EXPLOSION IN COAL MINE DEPTHS

Of 136 Men Four Are Rescued—Grave Fear for the Safety of the Others, on Account of Fumes.

Manchester, England, May 12.—An explosion in the Wellington coal mine at White Haven during last night cut off the exit from 136 miners working below the surface. Rescuing parties succeeded in saving four men working at the bottom of the shaft, but were prevented by gas from penetrating to the point where the body of the men are imprisoned.

PASSENGER TRAIN DITCHED; MANY REPORTED INJURED

Pennsylvania Train No. 307 Jumps the Track Near Alliance, O., and Three Coaches Roll into Ditch.

Cleveland, May 12.—Pennsylvania passenger train No. 307, leaving Pittsburgh at 5:20 this morning and due in Cleveland at 11 o'clock, has jumped the track 15 miles south of Alliance, some of the coaches rolling down a 20-foot embankment. Many are reported injured. The baggage car and two coaches are in the ditch. A special train is rushing to the scene.

DE JONON "KIDNAPPING" CASE'S FINAL CHAPTER

Grand Jury Ignores Indictment Against Ferdinand Cohen, the Hotel Waiter.

Philadelphia, May 12.—The last echo of a sensational escapade was heard this afternoon when the grand jury ignored an indictment charging Ferdinand Cohen, a hotel waiter with kidnapping Roberta DeJanon, the 18 years old heiress.

It is understood the grand jury's action was agreeable to counsel for Robert Bult, the millionaire grandfather of the girl. Postmaster at Durham. Washington, May 12.—Jesse A. Gilles was today nominated by the president to be postmaster at Durham.

STEAMER TRAGEDY ON MISSISSIPPI

City of Sault Ste. Marie Strikes a Rock and Goes Down—Thirteen Lives Are Probably Lost.

St. Louis, May 12.—Two women passengers were drowned and 11 persons are missing and are believed to have lost their lives in the Mississippi river, when the steamer City of Sault Ste. Marie struck a rock, foundering in reach of shore, at Glen Park, 24 miles south of St. Louis, last night. The dead are:

MISS ANNA RHEA and MRS. ISAAC RHEA, both of Nashville. Captain Crase after checking up the passenger list, said it was almost certain those missing are dead. The boat carried 27 passengers, mostly women and children, and a crew of 30. When the vessel struck the rock, sinking in 20 feet of water, the greatest confusion prevailed. At the time of the accident the steamer was en route to Waterloo, Ala.

MR. PAYNE IN DEFENSE OF HIS TARIFF BILL

He Declares Campaign Pledge to Repeal Tariff Downward Is Fulfilled.

Washington, May 12.—Serenio E. Payne, author of the tariff law which bears his name, entered into a vigorous defense of that measure in the house today, declaring the republican party's pledge to revise the tariff downward had been fulfilled. About \$1,635,000 is involved in the claim of William Cramp & Sons, the shipbuilding company, against the government for construction of the battleship Indiana, an adverse report on which has been made by the house committee on claims.

THE WEATHER.

For Asheville and vicinity: Clearing weather late this afternoon, followed by fair and colder tonight, with possibly light frost; Friday, fair. For North Carolina: Fair in west, showers in east portion this afternoon or tonight; cooler, light frost tonight in extreme west portion; Friday fair; colder near the coast. Moderate northwest winds. Shipper's forecast: Shipments north and northwest should be protected against temperatures near 32 degrees.

The President Accepts.

Washington, May 12.—President Taft has accepted an invitation to attend the annual convention of the Atlantic Seaboard Waterways association at Presden, R. I., September 1.

The battleship glided down the ways to the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner," while the crowds cheered and hundreds of river craft tooted a noisy welcome, her lesser sisters, the Rhode Island, Nebraska, Connecticut, Yankton and Hancock dipped their colors and fired a salute of 21 guns as the monster fighting machine reached the water.

Preceding the arrival of the distinguished guests, the army of workmen had wedged up the big battleship and removed the sidescows and cribbing amidships. As soon as the tide was favorable the word was given to remove the 120 keel blocks, and Naval Constructor Baxter took up his station at the stern of the Florida on the starboard side. The christening party, headed by Miss Elizabeth Fleming—daughter of the former governor of Florida, and sponsor for the giant battleship—and comprising Governor Gilchrist and Senators Tallaferro and Fletcher of Florida, took up their position in the special platform near the nose of the big ship, and Miss Fleming and her 11 girl attendants, six representing Florida and five the navy, moved up expectantly to the rail.

Miss Fleming seized the be-ribboned bottle and awaited the crucial moment. There was an ominous creaking and sliding and the permanent ways drew apart and Miss Fleming sent the champagne bottle crashing against the ship's side.

The Florida hesitated a moment, then slowly and ponderously glided down the ways with the voice of Miss Fleming clearly and proudly calling out, "Go, brave ship; I christen thee Florida." The launching was the most successful held in the New York navy yard. The gigantic battleship slid down the ways with the lightness of a lifeboat.

Later on when the Arkansas and Wyoming, now under construction, are afloat they will exceed the Florida in size by three thousand tons, a difference sufficient to make a pretty good little liner in itself. The Florida herself is by no means finished, for as she went off the ways today she was only about 60 per cent. advanced towards completion, which means that she was not much more than a vast empty hull and still awaits all of the thousand boilers and main and secondary engines and armor and equipment that go to make up the ship ready for commission.

Probably there is not a battleship afloat that could tackle the Florida on even terms, when the commander's flag flies from the ungraceful but formidable skeleton masts which will be placed upon her, that is, provided the naval designers do not change their minds, as to the utility of this novel feature of marine architecture within the next 18 months, by which time the Florida should be in commission. Built in Government Yard. The ship is the first of any real importance to be constructed in a government navy yard for a number of years and naturally her performance will be watched with keen interest by the private shipbuilders, who are now building her sister-ship, the Utah, in Camden, N. J. As a matter of fact the North Dakota, built by the Fore River Ship Building company, and the Delaware, constructed at Newport News, with the Florida and Utah, will make what is described as a unit in naval parlance, meaning that these vessels are practically of the same type and may be expected to operate together in naval warfare. The North Dakota and the Delaware are nearly 2000 tons smaller than the other two vessels, though the armament is practically the same and the smaller vessels indeed are rated at about a quarter of a knot faster.

Her Size. The Florida is 521 feet six inches long, nearly as long as a city block; her beam is 82 feet 2 1/2 inches; she draws 23 1/2 feet of water; her displacement 12,825 tons in light order, while when fully loaded, with her supplies and ammunition she will measure up to 32,023 tons. Her estimated speed is 19 1/2 knots per hour, which would have been regarded a few years ago as the topnotch for a swift unarmored cruiser. She will (Continued on page 2)